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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenwalde

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 25 October and 11 to 20 December 1950

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 21 January 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 25 October 1950, [REDACTED] the barracks installation on Gartenstrasse, Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33), that the headquarters of a tank, an AT artillery and an AAA unit were located there, in addition to the headquarters of General Guseff (fnu) which was in charge of Camp Lieberose-Jamlitz. The installation was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops. About 30 tanks were in one garage and about 30 other canvas-covered tanks were on the streets in the billeting area. An undetermined number of AT guns were seen in two other garages. The AAA unit was still without guns, but it was said that AA guns were expected to arrive. *

2. Between 11 and 20 December, [REDACTED] three battalion-size units were quartered in the installation. One of the battalions had about 600 men and was commanded by Major Strakhov (fnu), the second also consisted of about 600 men and was commanded by Major Dobrovsky (fnu), and the third numbered 300 to 400 men. The units consisted exclusively of trained personnel. There was also a course of instruction, consisting of about 100 NCOs. **

2. The Pionier Kaserne quartered a tank unit [REDACTED] from Lieberose. No tanks were seen in the billeting area between 11 and 20 December; the garage doors remained closed all the time. A model of a T-34 tank was seen in a classroom of Major Strakhov's unit. Based on their insignia, [REDACTED] each of the units in the billeting area had some armored engineer and signal personnel. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] parked in front of the installation on 20 December. The daily routine of the troops included drill and classroom instruction from 8 to 9 a.m. and field training with carbines and submachine guns at the drill field from 9 to 10:30 a.m. **

* Comment. The Pionier Kaserne [REDACTED] quarters elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. [REDACTED] sketch of the installation, see Annex 1. The headquarters in charge of Camp Lieberose, commanded by General Guseff (fnu), is the Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div, which [REDACTED] identified as being commanded by Major General Gusov (Gusev) (fnu), cn

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14 November. [redacted] Major General Gusev (fnu) is
carried as the commanding general of the division.

25X1 ** [redacted] Comment. According to previous reports, the Pionier Kaserne
is occupied by a division headquarters and a tank regiment. See

25X1 [redacted] Another report stated that a
course of instruction was allegedly conducted in the southern
section of the installation as early as December 1949. [redacted]

25X1 sketch of the Pionier Kaserne, see Annex 2. The sketches [redacted]
[redacted] do not agree in detail.

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Annexes: Two sketches and legends on ditto.

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Annex 1

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Legend to Annex 1

- 1 Administration building
- 2 Living quarters under repair
- 3 Officers' billets
- 4 Headquarters building
- 5 EM quarters
- 6 Main guardhouse
- 7-11, 15, 16 EM quarters
- 12 Supply building
- 13 Ordnance shop for storage of AT guns
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- 17 Tank garage
- 18 Workshop
- 19 Guardhouse

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